

Our National Game.

By R. L. Hartt.



Despite its alien lineage, the game has become as characteristically American as bull-fighting is characteristically Spanish, or pelote characteristically Basque, or heresy-hunting characteristically Scotch. Not that our national sport stays pent within our traditional frontiers; it follows the flag, and westward, of course, the umpire takes his way. He is revered in Luzon, as is also the vaillant batsman. Persons reluctant to canonize our Philippine policy should observe how five thousand natives will pour down upon the diamond to felicitate the author of a three-bagger, and continue his apotheosis for a solid hour. Meanwhile, baseball has annexed Canada—leaving only the sordid political details to be adjusted—and captured Cuba. "No tiene descripción el entusiasmo!" cries the Cuban press. "El publico en masa se desborda llenando el inmenso campo, dando Vivas! Hurrahs!" Yet it is in the United States especially that the game thrives and grows and keeps on growing till now it cheerfully meets an annual cost of \$5,500,000, supports more than thirty leagues, major and minor, sells its 25,000,000 tickets a year, and evolves a treasurer's report that reads like a mathematical paeon. Already it stands among our notable industries. Ere long its capitalization will reach the figure of \$20,000,000, the price we paid Spain for a second-hand war. —The Atlantic.

The Aristocracy of America

By J. T. Lincoln.



His aristocracy, founded on money though it be, early learned that money is but a means, that culture is the end, and it soon came about that a man must be a pretty insignificant sort of a millionaire, who by his benefactions was unable to found a university, or at least have a professorship named for him, even if he himself were unable to write English grammatically—and the children of these millionaires benefited by their father's aspirations. We may not say by what marvelous means the transformation was effected, but certain it is the Newport of today is very different from the Newport of a generation ago. Croesus does not build his house just like his neighbors only a little bigger, but commands the services of the ablest architects, who have transformed Newport from a city of commonplace cottages to one of rare architectural distinction. If Croesus lacks the taste to furnish his house becomingly, he has the sense to hire a decorator to do it for him—although in a larger measure than we realize, this is unnecessary—for Croesus has, in these later days, abandoned fast horses and flashy waistcoats, and has learned to buy pictures and books for himself—and he enjoys them too, which is even a greater matter. He does not always spend his money wisely—that were asking too much in a single generation; he still makes too great a show of his money, leading humble folk to imagine that there is some magic pleasure in the mere possession of vast wealth. He will overdo things occasionally—or at least Mrs. Croesus will, as when once she built a temporary ball-room next to her stately summer home, at a cost—so the newspaper said—of some forty thousand dollars, and tore it down after a single evening's entertainment. Mrs. Croesus will spend vast sums of money to no rational purpose, and so give the socialists a deal to talk about, beside creating the impression that her husband's wealth was not inherited; but on the whole she has made tremendous progress since she was a school-girl.—The Atlantic.

That New England Conscience

By Caspar Whitney.



THINGS have been coming Doctor Elliot's way recently. Next to a fling at President Roosevelt this distinguished educator relishes nothing so much as a fling at athletics! And kind fate generously gave him a chance at each.

Now was not that a great how-to-do at Cambridge over the taking of a book from the college library by a member of the crew who was starting for New London and desired it to complete a thesis upon which he was working?

Of course it was wrong to transgress any of the college rules, and equally, of course, he should have been punished. But to take him off the crew to the despair of the boy himself and to the apparent upheaval of the Varsity crew! Does any intelligent person suppose President Elliot would have visited such punishment upon a fellow student not occupying so prominent a place in university athletics. It was a silly weighty sentence to pronounce upon a really small offense, and would never have been made but for the obvious publicity of its every maneuver inimical to college sport.

Whether the student remained on the crew or off the crew or was punished, or whether Harvard won or lost the race through his being on or off the crew, is, from the viewpoint of college life and purpose, of little moment.

We may deprecate the thirst for notoriety in so learned a doctor, and be amused at the teapot temptest, and be not a bit disturbed, had it all ended there. But out flares President Elliot in a letter publicly branding these two young men as dishonest and crooked. Now that is the serious side of this otherwise farcical temptest in a teapot. If President Elliot wished to so denigrate these two young men to his faculty members, that would perhaps be about bad enough; but it would still be a private opinion privately expressed. But to publish it in the newspapers!

The element which I am sure will lead to complexity in the minds of many worthy citizens is whether it is more culpable to take a textbook which nobody wants, out of the library with the laudable intention of studying—or to give to the public press a private letter together with a denunciation of two young men in a manner suitable only to hen-roost thieving.

I confess that I would rather bear the odium of the book-borrowing than of the letter-publishing.—The Outing Magazine.

Russia's Tea Drinkers.

Russia is China's best customer for her tea, buying yearly about five pounds of it to this country's one; but this country buys about four pounds to the United Kingdom's three. China shipped 30,126,432 pounds of tea to the United States

last year, and 3,806,400 pounds to the Philippines. "Russia takes nearly all her purchases in the form of brick tea and tea-tablets," notes Ernest Vollmer, American counsel at Tsingtau; "the United States does not take an ounce of this class of goods, but confines its purchases to black and green teas in bulk."

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A Boston gentleman came down in December for his health, bought 10 acres of land for \$500, had it set out to oranges and grapefruit; and before he left in spring could have sold at enough profit to have paid all his expenses for the winter. He refused to sell.

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